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TIONAL WEAPON LIMITATION MEETING

REF: MEXICO 14169 AND JONES/HOWARD TELCON AUG 25

1. SUMMARY: THE GOM PRESENTED A WORKING PAPER ENTITLED
"LIMITATIONS OR PROHIBITIONS ON THE TRANSFER AND USE OF
CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL" TO THE
LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL CONVENTIONAL
WEAPONS LIMITATION MEETING HELD IN MEXICO CITY AUG 21-24.
(SEE REFTEL). THIS DOCUMENT, WHICH WAS ADOPTED FOR
STUDY BY THE CONFERENCE, SUGGESTS A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS
REGARDING PROHIBITIONS OR LIMITATIONS OF CONVENTIONAL
WEAPONS. AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXT OF THE GOM PAPER
FOLLOWS. (END SUMMARY).
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2. BEGIN TEXT:..(QUOTE). THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE STATES
OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN,

- A) RECALLING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS IN THEIR TENTH
EXTRAORDINARY PERIOD OF SESSIONS WHICH CONCLUDED IN NEW
YORK ON JUNE 30, 1978, REAFFIRMED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT

OF ZONES OF PEACE IN VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE WORLD, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH ZONE, CAN CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY OF THE STATES IN THESE ZONES AND, IN GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY,

- B) RECALLING ALSO THAT THE MENTIONED EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS RECOMMENDED THE HOLDING OF BILATERAL, REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIONS AND CONFERENCES TO CONSIDER VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT,

- C) HAVING IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE ABOVE MENTIONED GENERAL ASSEMBLY ATTRIBUTES TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS IN THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO BE EXCESSIVELY HARMFUL AND/OR HAVING INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA IN 1979, AND TO THE PREPARATORY MEETING WHICH IS TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 28, 1978 IN THE SAME CITY.

- D) WILLING TO STRENGTHEN THE TRUST AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE STATES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, TO MAKE POSSIBLE A GENERAL REDUCTION IN ARMAMENTS TO AVOID, FOR HUMANITY, THE HORRORS OF WAR IN THE FUTURE, AND IN ORDER THAT OUR PEOPLE MAY NOT BE OVERCONFIDENTIAL

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WHELMED BY THE LOAD OF CONTINUOUSLY INCREASING MILITARY EXPENDITURE, AS AN IMPORTANT STEP ON THE ROAD TOWARDS GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER EFFICIENT INTERNATIONAL CONTROL.

- E) INSPIRED IN THE SOLIDARITY DERIVED FROM THEIR COMMON HERITAGE AND IN THE CONVICTION THAT THEY ALSO SHARE A COMMON DESTINY,

- F) REAFFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO OF 1974, IN WHICH SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO PROPITIATE AND GIVE SUPPORT TO THE STRUCTURING OF A PERMANENT ORDER OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS TO PERMIT AN EFFECTIVE ARMAMENTS' LIMITATION AND TO PUT AN END TO THEIR ACQUISITION WITH OFFENSIVE, BELLICOSE PURPOSES, IN ORDER TO DEDICATE ALL POSSIBLE RESOURCES TO THE INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COUNTRIES; AS WELL AS THE DECLARATION OF SAID COUNTRIES OF JUNE 22, 1978, IN WHICH THEY DECIDED TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES;

- G) TAKING NOTE WITH SPECIAL INTEREST OF THE PROPOSAL

MADE BY MEXICO ON JUNE 23, 1978, AND FORMALIZED ON THE FOLLOWING 1ST OF JULY IN A PROJECT CO-SPONSORED BY VENEZUELA, COSTA RICA, ECUADOR AND MEXICO, IN WHICH FOR THE FIRST TIME ARE SUGGESTED CONCRETE AND VIABLE MEASURES TO APPLY THE NOBLE IDEA SET FORTH IN THE AYACUCHO DECLARATION,

- H) REAFFIRMING THE POLITICAL WILL OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES TO ADOPT EFFECTIVE MEASURES IN ORDER TO LIMIT THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN TYPES OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS HAVING EXTREMELY INJURIOUS AND/OR INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS, THROUGH REGIONAL AGREEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATED WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE INTERESTED STATES, AS PART OF A GLOBAL STRATEGY IN THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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MATTER, AND WHICH CAN IN NO WAY BE USED AS AN EXCUSE TO REVIVE CONFLICTIVE IDEAS THAT AROSE IN THE PAST, SUCH AS THE POSSIBLE CREATION OF AN INTER-AMERICAN PEACE FORCE, OR OTHER SIMILAR IDEAS.

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- (1) URGE ALL GOVERNMENTS TO OFFER THE FULLEST AND MOST RESOLUTE COOPERATION TO FACILITATE HOLDING CONSULTATIONS BY MEANS OF A FLEXIBLE MECHANISM, WHICH WOULD BE MADE UP OF THE GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED HERE, AND WHICH WOULD BE OPEN TO PARTICIPATION BY ALL THE OTHER LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES FOR A) REGULATION ON THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN TYPES OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TO LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, AS WELL AS AMONG COUNTRIES OF THE AREA, AND B) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITATIONS AND/OR PROHIBITIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS CONSIDERED TO BE EXCESSIVELY HARMFUL AND/OR HAVING INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS.

- (2) PROPOSE THAT THE MECHANISM REFERRED TO IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH RECOMMEND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE, HOLDING A CONFERENCE OF CHANCELLORS IN ORDER TO ADOPT CONCRETE MEASURES, IF SUCH SHOULD BE THE CASE.

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- (3) THE CONFERENCE OF CHANCELLORS SHOULD CONSIDER, BASED ON THE CONCLUSIONS THAT HAVE BEEN REACHED, THE SUITABILITY OF THEN CALLING A HIGH LEVEL MEETING TO WHICH ALL SUPPLIER COUNTRIES OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WOULD BE INVITED AND WHICH WOULD BE DECIDED BY THE CHANCELLORS, BASED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TRANSFER THAT THEY MAINTAIN WITH ONE OR SOME OF THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, WHICH ARE PARTICIPANTS IN THE MECHANISM, IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE STATES OF THE REGION IN THIS MATTER, WHILE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED TO PRESERVE THE RIGHT OF EACH STATE TO HAVE THE NECESSARY MEANS TO MAINTAIN ITS INTERNAL SECURITY AND TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT OF LEGITIMATE INDIVIDUAL OR COLLECTIVE DEFENSE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

- (4) CALLS UPON ALL THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE STATES OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN TO EXAMINE THIS ISSUE, AND TO EVEN CONSIDER AND STUDY THE DESIRABILITY OF ADOPTING, AMONG OTHER MEASURES, THE FOLLOWING: A) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC REGISTRY AND THE TAKING OF AN INVENTORY, AS MEANS OF CONTROLLING THE LIMITATION IN THE TRANSFERS OF CERTAIN TYPES OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS INUMERATED IN A PREVIOUSLY NEGOTIATED LIST; B) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIFIC MACRO-ECONOMIC PARAMETERS THAT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH THE CRITERIA FOR EQUITABLY REDUCING ARMS SPENDING IN EACH COUNTRY, AND THE CONSIDERATION OF OTHER FACTORS INVOLVED IN THIS OBJECTIVE; C) THE CREATION OF A PERMANENT REGIONAL ORGANIZATION TO SUPERVISE THE APPLICATION OF THE

MEASURES AGREED UPON; D) THE APPROVAL OF THE LIMITATIONS
OR PROHIBITIONS IN THE USE, AT A REGIONAL LEVEL, OF CON-
VENTIONAL WEAPONS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED EXCESSIVELY HARM-
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THE RESULTS OF THESE STUDIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE GOVERN-
MENT ACTING AS SECRETARIAT PRO TEMPORE, AT LEAST TWO MONTHS
PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING DEALING WITH THE MECHANISM REFER-
RED TO IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE RESOLUTIONS.

- (5) REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED
NATIONS TO PROVIDE THE MECHANISM AND THE CONFERENCE OF
MINISTERS WITH THE TECHNICAL SERVICES THEY MIGHT REQUIRE
IN ORDER TO REACH THE GOALS STATED IN THIS DOCUMENT.
END QUOTE.

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